

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
30 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106

QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 STATE ELECTION

TOWN

- CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT
QUESTIONS

1.

“Shall there be a Constitutional Convention to amend or revise the Constitution of the State?”

2.

“Shall the constitution of the state be amended to permit any person who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election to vote in the primary for such regular election?”
- BLOOMFIELD

3.

“Shall the Town of Bloomfield amend and restate the referendum approved by the voters in 2006 and in its place appropriate \$94,600,000 for renovations, additions and new construction to Bloomfield High School, Carmen Arace Middle School, Metacomet Elementary School, Laurel Elementary School and authorize \$94,600,000 in bonds and notes to meet said appropriation?”
- BOLTON

3.

“Shall the Town Charter be amended in accordance with all the amendments proposed by the Charter Revision Commission in its report dated January 22, 2008?”
- BRISTOL

3.

“Shall a change in the term of office of the registrars of voters from two years to four years be approved?”

4.

“Shall a four year term of office for the assistant town clerk and technical revisions including gender references to the town clerk be approved?”

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“Shall the creation of the position of chief operating officer with the duties described in proposed Secs. 62(a), (b), and (c), the revision to except the chief operating officer from the removal provisions as proposed in Sec. 15(b), and the corresponding removal of the duties of the mayor as proposed in Secs. 16(b), 25(t), 26(b), 43(f), 44A, and 48(g) of the City Charter be approved?”
- CHESHIRE

3.

“Shall the \$1,000,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the road improvement program, be approved?”

4.

“Shall the \$500,000 appropriation and bond authorization for bridge, culvert and dam improvements, be approved?”

5.

“Shall the \$1,000,000 appropriation and bond authorization for Mixville Pump Station Design And Construction, in addition to a prior appropriation and bond authorization of \$150,000 for an aggregate appropriation and bond authorization of \$1,150,000 be approved?”

6.

“Shall the \$200,000 appropriation and bond authorization for sanitary sewer expansion, in addition to prior appropriations and bond authorizations of \$410,000 for an aggregate appropriation and bond authorization of \$610,000 be approved?”

7.

“Shall the \$400,000 appropriation and bond authorization for infrastructure improvements at Cheshire High School, be approved?”

8.

“Shall the \$500,000 appropriation and bond authorization for District wide energy improvements/window replacement, be approved?”

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COVENTRY

3. *“Shall the appropriation and bond authorization of \$4,500,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of a new public works facility be approved?”*

DARIEN

3. *“Shall the revised Charter of the Town of Darien be adopted as approved by the Board of Selectmen on July 7, 2008?”*
4. *Shall the term of office for the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen be increased from 2 to 4 years?”*
5. *“Shall the authorized membership of the Representative Town Meeting (“RTM”) be reduced from 100 to 80?”*
6. *“Shall the RTM have the authority to override by a two-thirds majority of its sworn members, if requested by the Board of Selectmen or Board of Education, a Board of Finance action rejecting, modifying or reducing an appropriation or have the authority to approve an appropriation that the Board of Finance has failed to act upon?”*
7. *“Shall the current minimum required vote that at least 25% of all the Electors of the Town voted “No” in a referendum be changed to require that at least 35% of the Electors voted with a simple majority prevailing?”*

EAST HARTFORD

3. *“Shall the \$12,500,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the planning, design, construction and reconstruction of Town Roads be approved?”*
4. *“Shall the \$1,885,000 appropriation and bond authorization for various school improvements be approved?”*
5. *“Shall the \$2,100,000 appropriation and bond authorization for a grant to the Raymond Library Company for the expansion of Raymond Library be approved?”*

ELLINGTON

3. *“Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate \$2,000,000 for acquisition by the town of one or more parcels of land, or of easements or other interests or rights related thereto, for municipal purposes and open space, and authorize the issue of bonds, notes and other obligations to finance the portion of the appropriation not defrayed by grants?”*

ENFIELD

3. *“Shall the town of Enfield appropriate \$9,700,000 for the energy performance contracting capital replacement project and finance the appropriation by issuing bonds, notes or other obligations in an amount not to exceed \$9,700,000?”*

FARMINGTON

3. *“Shall the town of Farmington appropriate \$1,000,000 for costs related to a grant to the Farmington Village Green and Library Association for renovation and expansion of the Barney Library and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?”*

GLASTONBURY

3. *“Shall the Town of Glastonbury appropriate \$9,500,000 for design and construction of renovations to a portion of the Academy Building for Board of Education and Recreation Department Administrative Offices and additions for alternative education program, authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation and authorize the sale of the existing Board of Education office property at 221 Williams Street?”*

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GROTON 3. *“Shall the Amendments to the Town Charter be approved by the Town Council on September 2, 2008, be approved?”*

GUILFORD 3. *“Shall the proposed Guilford Charter amendments approved by the Guilford Board of Selectmen on February 13, 2008 be adopted, relating to the elimination of the office of Treasurer as a separate town office, transfer of Treasurer responsibilities to the Finance Director upon completion of the current term and clarification of the Finance Director’s role; establishment and designation of the duties of a Public Works commission; establishment of a four year term of office for all Selectmen; provision that an appointee to fill a vacancy serve for the remainder of the unexpired term unless a special election is conducted; and miscellaneous and updated language providing uniformity, clarification and transition?”*

4. *“Shall the proposed Guilford Charter amendments approved by the Guilford Board of Selectmen of February 13, 2008 be adopted, relating to the establishment, functioning and election of a Representative Town Meeting to replace the Town Meeting?”*

HAMDEN 3. *“Shall the resolution of the Legislative Council adopting the Connecticut City and Town Development Act and authorizing the Town of Hamden to undertake programs and projects authorized under said Act be approved?”*

HARTFORD 3. *“Shall there be an ordinance amending the annual salary of members of the Court of Common Council to (\$26,650) effective January 1, 2012?”*

MADISON 3. *“Shall the Town of Madison appropriate \$13,300,000 for costs related to a \$13,100,000 grant to the E.C Scranton Memorial Library for additions, renovations and improvements to the Library Building, and authorize the issue of bonds and notes to finance the appropriation?”*

MANCHESTER 3. *“Shall the Town of Manchester amend Section 3-4 of the Town Charter to provide that the top vote-getter be elected Chairman of the Board of Directors?”*

4. *“Shall the Town of Manchester amend Section 2-4 of the Town Charter to remove the Standards of Official conduct form the Charter and enable a supermajority of the Board of Directors to adopt Standards of Official Conduct by ordinance, and thereafter amend them as may be required?”*

5. *“Shall the Town of Manchester amend Chapter 5 of the Town Charter to provide for a petition for budget referendum?”*

6. *“Shall the Town of Manchester amend Section 5-13 and 5-14 of the Town Charter to eliminate the positions of Town Treasurer and Assistant Town Treasurer?”*

7. *“Shall the Town of Manchester amend Section 3-3 of the Town Charter to increase compensation of the members of the Board of Directors to \$4,500 annually for the Chairman, \$3,500 annually for the Deputy Chairman and Secretary, and \$3,000 annually for the other board members?”*

8. *“Shall the Town of Manchester amend the Town Charter to make certain technical and administrative changes?”*

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- MIDDLETOWN**
3. *“Shall the revisions to the City Charter be approved?”*
 4. *“Shall the proposed corrections to the Charter regarding grammar, spelling, terminology, consistency, and other corrections of a technical nature, be approved?”*
 5. *“Shall the \$4.5 million appropriation and bond issuance authorization for city water and sewer improvements consisting of 1) Westfield Service Area Water Pressure Enhancement, 2) Route 66 Water and Sewer installation, 3) Well Field Planning, 4) Equipment and Material Purchases, as adopted by the Common Council, be approved?”*
- NEW HARTFORD**
3. *“Shall the Town of New Hartford increase the \$3,118,000 appropriation and borrowing authorization approved at referendum held June 24, 2004 for wastewater treatment facility upgrades by \$5,832,000 and amend the scope of the project to provide for the expansion of the existing 90,000 gallon-per-day wastewater treatment facility to treat and average daily flow of 400,000 gallons-per-day?”*
- NEW LONDON**
3. *“Shall the amendments to the City Charter, proposed by the Charter Revision Commission, and accepted by the City Council, be approved?”*
- PORTLAND**
3. *“Shall the town of Portland appropriate \$1,025,000 and authorize the issue of bonds and notes and other obligations in the same amount for water storage tank improvements?”*
 4. *“Shall the town of Portland appropriate \$816,000 and authorize the issue of bonds and notes and other obligations in the same amount for High Street water main replacement?”*
- ROCKY HILL**
3. *“Shall the \$71.141 million appropriation and bond authorization (expected to be paid from an estimated \$26.251 million state grant and \$44.890 million Town bonds) for Rocky Hill Town wide elementary school system improvements, including the construction of a new Moser Elementary School, and the renovation and expansion of the West Hill and Stevens Elementary Schools, as adopted by the Town Council on August 27, 2008, be approved?”*
- SEYMOUR**
3. *“Shall Section 12.3 of the Charter be amended to include the following change: “The voters shall be given the option to vote either “Yes” or “No” to determine passage or rejection of the General Government and Education Budgets separately?” (Language change underlined.)*
 4. *“Shall the final paragraph of Section 12.3(b) of the Charter be amended to add the following language: “The duly called meeting shall be noticed in the local paper by notice of the Chairman of the Board of Finance without the necessity of a meeting of the Board of Finance, and public comments shall be allowed and shall be limited to budget recommendations and proposals for consideration by the Board of Finance during its deliberations?”*
- SOUTHINGTON**
3. *“Shall the town of Southington appropriate \$7,450,000 for the Southington Town Hall additions, improvements, alterations and renovations project and authorize the issue of bonds, notes and temporary notes in the same amount to defray the appropriation?”*

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SOUTH WINDSOR

3. *“Shall the resolution appropriating and authorizing bonds in the amount of \$47,000,000 for the planning, acquisition and construction of upgrades to the Water Pollution Control Facility be approved?”*
4. *“Shall the resolution appropriating and authorizing bonds in the amount of \$2,750,000 for the planning, acquisition and construction of upgrades to dry pit pump stations be approved?”*
5. *“Shall the resolution appropriating \$117,000,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of two new elementary schools to replace Eli Terry Elementary School and Orchard Hill Elementary School and for renovations and improvements at Philip R. Smith Elementary School and Pleasant Valley Elementary School and the reconfiguration of the existing Orchard Hill Elementary School to accommodate the transfer of the Board of Education Central Services from the former Ellsworth High School and deconstruction of the present Eli Terry Elementary School and authorizing the issuance of \$69,000,000 bond of the town to meet the town’s share of said appropriation, be approved?”*
6. *“Shall the resolution authorizing the sale of 625 Sullivan Avenue be approved?”*

STRATFORD

3. *“Shall the Stratford Town Charter be amended to change the powers of the Mayor and the Town Council regarding: (1) the power and time for the Mayor to veto ordinances, (2) the appointment by the Mayor and approval by the Town Council of the Town Attorney, (3) the approval by the Town Council of Mayoral appointments to certain Town Boards, Commissions, and Agencies, (4) change the date by which the Mayor must present the Town budget to the Town Council, and the date by which the Town Council must approve the town budget, (5) include the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, Administrator of Emergency Medical Services, and the Human Resources Directors as Directors, (6) change the qualifications of the Chief Administrative Officer, and (7) the requirement that the Mayor report to the Town Council regarding town employment policies?”*
4. *“Shall the Stratford Town Charter be amended to change the line of succession for the office of Mayor making the chairman of the Town Council next in line in the event the office of Mayor should become vacant, or if the Mayor is temporarily disabled or absent?”*
5. *“Shall the Stratford Town Charter be amended to allow the Mayor to own an interest in a business?”*
6. *“Shall the Stratford Town Charter be amended to correct grammar, spelling, terminology, statutory references, outdated provisions of the Town Charter, and make other technical changes as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission?”*
7. *“Shall the Town of Stratford enter into an agreement in the form of the September 2, 2008 Option Agreement with the Trust for Public Land to sell Long Beach West to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for a minimum of Ten Million (\$10,000,000) Dollars with a full public access easement reserved for Stratford residents in perpetuity?”*

TORRINGTON

3. *“Shall there be a Charter amendment to increase the limit for extraordinary expenditures from \$100,000 to \$300,000?”*

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4. *“Shall there be a Charter amendment to eliminate Selectmen from the ballot?”*
5. *“Shall there be a Charter amendment to extend the office of Mayor and the office of Town and City Clerk to a term of four years?”*
6. *“Shall there be a Charter amendment to make technical changes, as needed, to the Charter?”*

VERNON

3. *“Shall the Town of Vernon appropriate \$1,182,000 for the replacement of the Phoenix Street Bridge and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?”*
4. *“Shall the Town of Vernon appropriate \$3,320,000 for the replacement of the Main Street Bridge and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?”*

WINCHESTER

3. *“Shall the Charter be amended to eliminate the position of Town Manager to be replaced by a Mayor, Board of Finance and a five member Board of Selectmen?”*
4. *“Shall Section 110C of the Charter be amended to require the annual budget increase 3% above the preceding fiscal year if a budget is not adopted at referendum by August 1st?”*
5. *“Shall the Charter be amended to include a new Section 313 which allows the Board of Selectmen to investigate any officer or agency of the Town of Winchester including the power to call witnesses and issue subpoenas, and to include a new Section 319 which details the appointment and removal of Town Board members?”*
6. *“Shall Section 1708 of the Charter be amended to exclude property owners from the definition of “elector”?”*
7. *“Shall the Charter be amended to adopt all recommendations of the Charter Revision Commission as filed in the Town Clerk’s office, except those provisions covered in Questions 1 through 4 above?”*